

# **SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **2001 Accomplishments**

### **Full Commission**

- Reviewed; provided informal and formal input to Strategic Planning Office (SPO), Department of Design Construction and Land Use (DCLU) and City Council on proposed 2001 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
- Continued support for alliance with Seattle Design Commission (SDC), Seattle Arts Commission (SAC) and Landmarks Board on issues of mutual concern.
- Conducted briefings; prepared letters or other formal advice and input on major City policies and projects.

### **Housing Committee**

- Maintained ongoing communication/relationship with City's Office of Housing, and DCLU regarding housing policies and programs.
- Conducted briefings and gave input on Seattle Housing Levy package during its development stages.
- Conducted briefings and gave informal and formal input on Housing Demonstration projects for cottage housing; detached accessory dwelling units (DADU).
- Monitored and investigated housing production and progress in meeting housing targets, advocating for City attention to these issues.

### **Neighborhood Planning Committee**

- Carried out Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Survey, interviewing community representatives in all 38 neighborhoods; analyzed data and prepared report containing findings and recommendations – Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Survey Report.
- Developed work plan to implement recommendations of the Commission's Citizen Participation Evaluation Report (2000), reporting and getting direction from City Council on priority implementation activities.
- Participated in Neighborhood Planning Implementation Advisory Committee (NPIAC) (2 Commissioners/Director).
- Provided advice and assistance on broad policy issues related to implementation of neighborhood plans (through participation on the NPIAC) and periodic meetings with Department of Neighborhoods (DON) staff.
- Carried out Neighborhood Plan Documentation project, with assistance from DON. Produced Neighborhood Planning: Documenting the Process report and brochure.

### **Transportation Committee**

- Initiated joint working sessions with Seattle Design Commission (SDC), Elevated Transportation Company (ETC) staff and consultants on the monorail proposal; offering input on planning and design aspects of the proposed project as it was being developed.

- Initiated joint working sessions with SDC, City and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff to provide input on development of alternatives for replacing the Alaska Way Viaduct (AWV).
- Continued participation (3 Commissioners and Director) on the Light Rail Review Panel (LRRP), reviewing and providing input to Sound Transit on design of light rail stations and corridor.
- Maintained contact with SeaTran staff on neighborhood planning and broader transportation policy issues.
- Provided staff coordination and Commission participation in the Northgate 5th Avenue NE Streetscape Concept Design project. Involved advice to City team, facilitating public workshop and review and formal comments/recommendations on the recommended streetscape concept design and final report.

### **Specific Projects**

- **Northgate General Development Plan (GDP):** Conducted two focus groups with area stakeholders to get input/direction on the GDP. Developed and submitted report and recommendations to City Council/Councilmember Conlin.
- **South Lake Union (SLU):** Co-sponsored Streetscape Design Working Session with Seattle Design Commission. Advocated for holistic approach to public and private projects in the SLU area.
- **Rainier Beach:** Toured the Rainier Beach neighborhood with plan stewards followed by a Commission meeting focused on progress and issues in neighborhood plan implementation.

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## **2000 Accomplishments**

### **Full Commission**

- Reviewed and provided input to SPO and City Council on 5 Year Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
- Conducted briefings and input on major City policies and projects.
- Further developed and supported alliance with Design Commission, Arts Commission and Landmarks Board. Initiated joint briefings and series of training workshops with City departments on capital projects and other planning/design issues of mutual interest.
- Sponsored Northgate Town Center Charrette in May, 2000; participated in Northgate Workshop series in October and December, 2000.

### **Neighborhood Planning Committee**

- Provided advice and assistance on broad policy issues raised by neighborhood plans, including significant revisions to the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Participated in and supported Sector kick-off events.
- Presented the Commission's Guide to Stewardship for Neighborhoods.
- Completed the Citizen Participation Evaluation, an assessment of City supported, geographically-based citizen participation programs. Council Resolution recognized the report and called for implementation of a variety of recommendations.
- Initiated work on a Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Survey, focused on developing baseline information on the status of stewardship groups regarding their plan implementation efforts.
- Participated in the Neighborhood Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

### **Housing Committee**

- Maintained ongoing relationship with City's Office of Housing. DCLU and SPO regarding housing policies and programs.
- Advised and supported housing strategies, including DCLU's Housing Demonstration Program.
- Participated in and advised DCLU on Land Use Code Simplification project.
- Monitored and provided input to SPO on Growth Management Planning Council's Housing report.

### **Transportation Committee**

- Reviewed and contributed input to City transportation initiatives—Seattle Transit Initiative and Intermediate Capacity Transit.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on transportation related policy issues raised in neighborhood planning.
- Reviewed and provided comments to Council on Station Area Concept Design Packages.
- Participated in the Light Rail Review Panel.

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## **1999 Accomplishments**

### **Full Commission 1999 Accomplishments**

- Reviewed and provided input to SPO and City Council on annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- Co-sponsored with SPO initial public forums on the 5 Year Review of the Comprehensive Plan
- Further developed and supported alliance with Design Commission, Arts Commission and Landmark Board. Initiated joint briefings and provided input to City Council and City departments on capital projects and other planning/design issues of mutual interest
- Conducted ongoing briefings and input on major City projects including Civic Center, Libraries for All, Northgate Plan Review/Update.

### **Neighborhood Planning Committee 1999 Accomplishments**

- Prepared and submitted formal comments and recommendations to City Council on 37 neighborhood plans and Approval and Adoption matrices, focusing on consistency with Comprehensive Plan or other neighborhood plans, and on key recommendations of the plan.
- Provided advice and assistance on broad policy issues raised in neighborhood plans.
- Participated in developing strong specific mechanisms for neighborhood and City stewardship of neighborhood plans. Produced the Guide to Stewardship for Neighborhoods.
- Conducted a major assessment of City supported, geographically based citizen participation. Recommendations focus on increasing effectiveness of these efforts in the future, particularly related to neighborhood plan stewardship.

### **Transportation Committee 1999 Accomplishments**

- Sponsored two community workshops on the Central Gateway project.
- Sponsored two Station Area planning workshops in Capitol Hill and Columbia City as part of the American Planning Association National conference
- Reviewed and submitted formal comments on Sound Transit Light Rail Transit alternatives and criteria, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Locally Preferred Alternative to City officials and Sound Transit.
- Reviewed and contributed comments on transportation goals and strategies in neighborhood plans.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on transportation related policy issues raised in neighborhood planning.

### **Housing Committee 1999 Accomplishments**

- Established ongoing relationship with City's new Office of Housing
- Promoted housing goals and strategies in neighborhood plans that work to achieve Comprehensive Plan goals, promote quality design, and maintain neighborhood character.

- Participated in Station Area Planning, focusing on housing development strategies and opportunities in light rail station areas.
- Participated in and advised DCLU on Land Use Code Simplification project.